

Miami-Dade Parks June 2006 Calendar of Events

THURSDAY, 1

Summer Camps

Miami-Dade Parks offers summer camps featuring sports, eco-adventures, games and the arts for youth ages 6-14 thru August 14. Call 305-755-7800 for information. Miami Metrozoo (305-255-5551) and Deering Estate (305-235-1668) are also holding camps.

Deering Historic Tours

10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. \$7 adults; \$5 children. Daily. Tour the historic 1922 Stone House, the 1896-1900 Richmond Cottage and the 444-acre environmental preserve featuring archaeological sites and rare native flora and fauna. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305-235-1668

Mountain Bike Trails

Sunrise-Sunset. Monday-Friday. \$4 parking per vehicle on Saturdays and Sundays. Mountain bike trails for beginners, intermediate and advanced riders. Amelia Earhart Park, 401 East 65 St., Hialeah, 305-685-8389

Dog Park

Sunrise-Sunset. Free. Monday-Friday. \$4 parking per vehicle on Saturday and Sunday. The park offers five acres of enclosed green space with walking trails and water fountains for dogs. Dog Park at Amelia Earhart Park, 401 East 65 St., Hialeah, 305-685-8389

Farm Village

9 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. Monday-Friday. \$4 parking per vehicle on Saturday and Sunday. The farm village offers petting zoo daily and pony rides on Saturday and Sunday for children weighing 70 lbs. and less. Pony rides are \$2. Bill Graham Farm Village at Amelia Earhart Park, 401 East 65 St., Hialeah, 305-685-8389

Amusement Center

10 a.m.-5 p.m. Daily. Ride a colorful carousel and bike or roller-blade through miles of trails. Carousel operates weekends and holidays only. Three rides for \$1. Crandon Park, 4000 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne, 305-361-5421

"Nature, Nurture: Drawings and Metal Cutouts"

10 a.m.-4 p.m. \$7 adults; \$5 children. Thru August 2. A Debbie Carfagno art exhibition in bronze of multi-layer wall pieces, freestanding sculptures, and balances abstraction mixed with realism. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305-235-1668

Skyward Kites

10 a.m.-Sunset. Daily. Add the joy of kite flying to your day at the beach. Kites on sale starting at \$5 and staff will help with assembly and give instructions on how to be a master kite flyer. Haulover Beach Park, 10800 Collins Ave., Miami Beach, 305-893-0906

FRIDAY, 2

Double Nine Domino League

7-10 p.m. \$60 per team of two. Fridays. League will meet inside the recreation building at Norman & Jean Reach Park, 7901 NW 176 St., Miami, 305-823-2414.

Shooter Clinic

7-8 p.m. Fridays. Free clinic, charge for shotgun rental, trap rounds, shells, ear and eye protection. Ages 18 and older. Learn the sport of Trap shooting, including shotgun safety, game rules, field etiquette, and shooting techniques. Trail Glades Range, 17601 SW 8 St., Miami, 305-226-1823

SATURDAY. 3

26th Annual Students Dance & Piano Recital

4 p.m. \$3-\$15. Inner City Children Touring Dance Company performance. Call 305-636-2350 for more information. Joseph Caleb Auditorium, 5400 NW 22 Ave., Miami

Key Biscayne Bike Adventure

10 a.m.-1 p.m. \$25 includes bike and helmet rental; \$20 with your own bike; \$15 children. Saturdays and Sundays. Come explore Key Biscayne as you bike along streets and scenic paths of this historic barrier island. Call 305-365-3018 for reservations. Crandon Park Visitors and Nature Center, 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne

Geology Hike

3 p.m. \$7 adults; \$5 children. Have a "rocking" good time with Park Naturalists as they step back in time and explore the Deering Estate's ancient geological formations. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305-235-1668, ext. 242

Greynolds Park Owl Prowl

7:30 p.m. \$5. Also, June 9 & 17. Enter the darkness of Greynolds Park after sunset for a unique view of the many owls and other creatures that roam when the lights go out. Call 305-945-3425 for reservations. Greynolds Park, 17530 W. Dixie Highway, N. Miami Beach

Fern and Exotic Plant Show and Sale

9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. \$20 adults; \$15 seniors; \$10 ages 5-17. Thru Sunday. Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, 10901 Old Cutler Road, Coral Gables, 305-667-1651

Camp Greynolds Campfire Program

5-9 p.m. \$15. Also, June 4 & 17. Begin the evening with a hike learning about medicinal and edible plants. Then take a canoe trip on the Oleta River to the campgrounds for storytelling, craft making and marshmallow roasting around the campfire. Call 305-948-2891 for reservations. Meet at the Boathouse at Greynolds Park, 17530 W. Dixie Highway, N. Miami Beach.

Evening Sky Viewings

8-11 p.m. Free. Saturdays. Look and learn with the Southern Astronomical Society and view the night sky through high-tech telescopes. Call 305-661-1375 for more information. Bill Sadowski Park and Nature Center, 17555 SW 79 Ave., Miami

Crandon Bear Cut Preserve Nature Walks

10-11 a.m. and 2-3 p.m. \$2. Saturdays and Sundays. Explore a rare remnant of Miami's remaining maritime hammock, scrub, dunes and beach habitat and mangrove forest. Call 305-361-6767 for reservations. Meet at the Crandon Park Visitors and Biscayne Nature Center, 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne.

Matheson Hammock Biscayne Bay Tour

10 a.m. and 4 p.m. \$25; \$15 ages 7-14. Saturdays and Sundays. Explore mangrove forest-lined creeks and discover the secretive lives of the habitat's wildlife. Call 305-365-3018 for reservations. Meet the A.D. Barnes Park naturalist guides at Redfish Grill in Matheson Hammock Park, 9610 Old Cutler Rd., Miami.

Dance Empire Recital

5 p.m. \$15. Thru Sunday. Student dance performance. Miami-Dade County Auditorium, 2901 West Flagler St., Miami, 305-547-5414, ext. 0

Crandon Heritage Tram Tours

10-11 a.m. Saturdays; 3-4 p.m. Sundays. \$2 adults; \$1 children. Take a tram ride through Crandon Park and the Bear Cut Preserve and learn about the Island of Key Biscayne and its fascinating history. Call 305-361-6767 for reservations. Crandon Park Visitors and Nature Center, 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne

Arch Creek Nature Trail Tour

10-11:30 a.m. \$3. Saturdays. Join us on this naturalist-guided tour through a native tropical hardwood hammock where the prehistoric Tequesta Indians thrived for hundreds of years living off the land. Call 305-944-6111, one day in advance, for reservations. Meet at Arch Creek Park Museum, 1855 NE 135 St., N. Miami.

Guided Historical Nature Walk

2-4 p.m. \$3 per person; \$4 per vehicle entrance fee. Saturdays and Sundays. See animals in their natural surroundings and learn about plant life that might not be seen on a paved trail. Call 305-948-2891 for reservations. Greynolds Park, 17530 W. Dixie Highway, N. Miami Beach

Wheelchair Tennis Program

9-11 a.m. Free. Saturdays. Ages 12 and older. All skill levels. Call 305-755-7848 (v/tdd) for more information. Big Five Tennis Club, 9299 SW 7 Terr., Miami

Historic Oleta River Canoe Trip

10 a.m.-1 p.m. \$25 adults; \$15 children ages 9-14. Saturdays. Catch a view of many wading birds and mammals in their natural habitats and visit an undisturbed Tequesta Indian midden. Call 305-365-3018 for reservations. Meet at East Greynolds Park, NE 167 St. and Biscayne Blvd., N. Miami Beach.

Firearm Safety

9 a.m.-4 p.m. \$5 adults; children free. Saturdays and Sundays. Learn the fundamentals of firearm safety, range rules and regulations. Trail Glades Range, 17601 SW 8 St., Miami, 305-226-1823

Saturdays in the Park with Commissioner Javier Souto

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturdays. District 10 residents are invited to spend Saturday mornings with Commissioner Souto discussing concerns and issues. Call 305-375-4835 for locations.

Saturday Morning Camp: Drop-n-Shop

9 a.m.-1 p.m. \$5 one child, \$8 two children: \$11 three children. Saturdays. Parents can go shopping while their children are supervised with activities, games, videos and arts and crafts. Highland Oaks Park, 20300 NE 24 Ave., N. Miami Beach, 305-932-2164

NRA First Steps Course

10 a.m.-12.30 p.m. \$49.94. Saturdays. Ages 21 and older. This course consists of fundamental basic pistol instruction and safety and meets state requirements for the concealed weapons permit. Trail Glades Range, 17601 SW 8 St., Miami, 305-226-1823

Kayak Rentals

10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays. 2 Person Kayaks: \$15 per hour. Snorkel rental daily for \$7. Rentals at North Beach Kayak Aquatic Concession, southeast of Crandon Park Visitors and Biscayne Nature Center, 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne, 305-361-6767.

Crandon Kayak & Snorkel Adventure

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2-5 p.m. \$50; \$35 for Miami-Dade residents. Saturdays and Sundays. Explore the colorful tropical fish, spotted eagle rays, cushion stars, herons and other animals that share the fragile and unique sanctuary of the Fossilized Reef. Call 305-365-3018 for reservations. Crandon Park Visitors and Biscayne Nature Center, 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne

Canoe, Kayak and Paddle Boat Rentals

10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Canoes and kayaks for adults are \$4.50 per half hour and \$3 for children in lagoon area. Canoes and kayaks rentals on the river are \$9 per hour. Paddleboats are \$6 per half hour. The Boathouse at Greynolds Park, 17530 W. Dixie Highway, N. Miami Beach, 305-948-2891

SUNDAY, 4

Arch Creek Park Family Fun Day

1-3 p.m. \$5. Also, June 18. Bring the family for a fun-filled afternoon nature adventure, archaeological digs, pottery making and learn about plants and animals on a guided trail walk. Call 305-944-6111 for reservations. Arch Creek Park Museum, 1855 NE 135 St., N. Miami

Chicken Key Canoe Tour

8-11 a.m. \$25 adults; \$15 ages 9-14. Also, June 18. Canoeists will experience the beauty of Biscayne Bay as they make their way to Chicken Key Island, a seven-acre bird rookery. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305-235-1668, ext. 242

WEDNESDAY, 7

Arch Creek Ghost Tours

7-8:30 p.m. \$5. Also, June 21. Take a night tour of Arch Creek Park and learn about its spooky past. Hear personal accounts of ghostly encounters that have occurred since the late 1800s and maybe have an encounter of your own. Call 305-944-6111 for reservations. Arch Creek Park Museum, 1855 NE 135 St., N. Miami

Saturday, 10

3rd Annual Blue Water Fishing Classic

7 a.m.-3 p.m. Entry fee: \$350 donation, after June 1st \$400. Professional, amateur and junior fishing enthusiasts can get ready to hang out their "Gone Fishing" signs and compete for cash and prizes. For more information or to register, call Kathy Haley at 305-755-7939 or pick up an application brochure at any of the six Miami-Dade County marinas.

Tropical Ag Fiesta

10 a.m.-5 p.m. \$5. Thru Sunday. Exhibition of local agriculture featuring tropical fruit plants for sale. Fruit & Spice Park, 24801 S.W. 187th Avenue, Homestead, 305-247-5727

The Misunderstood Mammal: The Bat!

7:30 p.m. \$5. Also, June 16 & 24. Learn about these fascinating creatures and discover why they are so beneficial to us. Call 305-948-2891 for reservations. Meet at the Boathouse at Greynolds Park, 17530 W. Dixie Highway, N. Miami Beach.

Heritage Horse Show

8 a.m.-7 p.m. Free. Thru Sunday. Tropical Park Equestrian Center, 7900 SW 40 St., Miami, 305-554-7334

Bamboo Show and Sale

9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. \$20 adults; \$15 seniors; \$10 ages 5-17. Thru Sunday. Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, 10901 Old Cutler Road, Coral Gables, 305-667-1651

Scarlett's Dance Studio Recital

5 p.m. \$20. Student dance performance. Miami-Dade County Auditorium, 2901 West Flagler St., Miami, 305-547-5414, ext. 0

Pelican Harbor Kayak and Snorkel Trip

2-5 p.m. \$35, plus \$7 snorkel rental. Also, June 18, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Break away from it all by kayaking and snorkeling in the shallows around a series of small islands in North Biscayne Bay that provide viable habitats for coastal birds and marine life. Call 305-365-3018 for reservations. Meet at Pelican Harbor Marina, 1275 NE 79 St., Miami Beach.

SUNDAY, 11

Mangrove Maze Canoeing

8 -11 a.m. \$25 adults; \$15 ages 9-14. Also, June 25. Join Deering Estate Naturalists for an upclose exploration of Biscayne Bay mangroves. Call 305-235-1668, ext. 242 for reservations. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami

Loxahatchee Arthur R. Marshall National Wildlife Refuge Van Tour

8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. \$40 adults; \$20 ages 9-17. Spend a day exploring the northern Everglades, including a cypress swamp boardwalk and marsh trail explorations where wading birds, hawks, alligators and migrating waterfowl can be spotted. Call 305-365-3018 for reservations. Trip meets at the Greynolds Park Boathouse, 17530 West Dixie Hwy, North Miami Beach.

Sundays 'til Sundown

2 p.m.-sundown. Every second Sunday. Come relax, listen to live music and learn something new about nature. Call 305-365-3018 for more information. Crandon Park Visitors and Nature Center, 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne

East Greynolds Oleta River Kayak Tour

10 a.m.-1 p.m. \$25. Also, June 25. Catch a view of many wading birds and mammals in their natural habitats and visit an undisturbed Tequesta Indian midden. Call 305-365-3018 for reservations. Meet at East Grevnolds Park. NE 167 St. and Biscavne Blvd.. N. Miami Beach.

MONDAY, 12

Deering Estate Moonlight Canoe Tour

7-11 p.m. \$35. Ages 18 and older. Canoeists will enjoy the moonlit beauty of Biscayne Bay as they make their way to Chicken Key Island. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305-235-1668, ext. 242

SATURDAY, 17

Heart of the City Cultural Art Series: Clearance Carter

8 p.m. \$15 general seating, \$20 preferred seating. Blues Fest featuring Clarence Carter along with special guests The Ike & Val Woods Blues Band. Joseph Caleb Auditorium, 5400 NW 22 Ave., Miami, 305-636-2350

Ballet Et Cie Recital

8 p.m. \$20. Student dance performance. Miami-Dade County Auditorium, 2901 West Flagler St., Miami, 305-547-5414, ext. 0

Lychee & Longan Workshop

10 a.m.-12 p.m. \$25. Learn about these most revered of Chinese fruits from their ancient cultivation to their modern mania. Growing needs, problems and varieties will be covered. Fruit & Spice Park, 24801 SW 187 Ave., Homestead, 305-247-5727

Butterfly Walk

2-3:30 p.m. Free with paid park admission: \$7 adults; \$5 children. Explore the various habitats of the park while finding and identifying numerous butterfly species. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305-235-1668, ext. 242

SUNDAY, 18

Father's Day Celebration at Gold Coast Railroad Museum

11 a.m.-4 p.m. Free admission for dad; \$5 adults; \$3 children under 12. Enjoy a lecture, "The Florida East Coast Railway Present Day Operation," with guest speaker Bill Steffen at 2:30 p.m. Gold Coast Railroad Museum, 12450 SW 152 St., Miami, 305-253-0063, www.goldcoast-railroad.org

MONDAY, 19

Magic City Monday: "Dance Movement"

10-11 a.m. \$3. The Ed Holland Dance Ensemble performance. Call 305-636-2350 for more information. Joseph Caleb Auditorium, 5400 NW 22 Ave., Miami

SATURDAY, 24

Architecture Tour

2-3:30 p.m. Free with paid park admission: \$7 adults; \$5 children. Discover all the architectural features this historic park has to offer by exploring the magnificent Stone House and the picturesque Richmond Cottage. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305-235-1668, ext. 242

Mangos, Mangos, Mangos

10 a.m.-1 p.m. Learn everything about mangos: how to grow them, recognize insect and disease problems, recipes and the many varieties. Fruit & Spice Park, 24801 SW 187 Ave., Homestead, 305-247-5727

Harmonic Motion: An Evening of Middle Eastern Dance

8 p.m. \$15. Harmonic Motion, the duo of vocalist and udist Joe Zeytoonian and dance director Myriam Eli will enthrall you with an evening of traditional Middle Eastern belly dance. Call 305-235-1668 ext 233 for more information. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami

Paso Fino Jr. Horse Show

8 a.m.-7 p.m. Free. Thru Sunday. Tropical Park Equestrian Center, 7900 SW 40 St., Miami, 305-554-7334

Just Dance It Recital

2 p.m. and 8 p.m. \$20; \$15 general admission. Thru Sunday. Student dance performance. Miami-Dade County Auditorium, 2901 West Flagler St., Miami, 305-547-5414, ext. 0

Tai Chi Classes

10:30 a.m. \$60 six-week session, 6/24-7/22. Saturdays. Call 305-235-1668, ext. 225 for more information. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami

MONDAY, 26

Magic City Monday

10-11 a.m. \$3. Master Magician Fritzner Paul presents a spellbinding performance. Call 305-636-2350 for more information. Joseph Caleb Auditorium 5400 NW 22 Ave., Miami

TUESDAY, 27

Yoga Classes

10-11:30 a.m. Wednesdays. \$50 five-week session, 6/27-7/25. Yoga taught by Marlene Shulman. Call 305-235-1668, ext. 242 for more information. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami